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*Woodring College of Education*

## **Secondary Education Department Master in Teaching (MIT)**

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This program is designed for those wishing to complete a master’s degree while gaining Washington residency teacher certification for middle and high school.

### **Admission**

Admission information and applications can be obtained on the Graduate School Website. Once recommended by the Secondary faculty for admission, candidates are asked to complete a supplemental Woodring College application, be fingerprinted, and complete an FBI character and fitness check. Materials and instructions are provided when candidates are notified of their recommendation for admission.

### **Graduate School Requirements:**

- transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended.
- a minimum 3.0 grade point average for the most recent 90 quarter or 60 semester credits, including upper division post baccalaureate coursework.
- Graduate Record Examination general test with a combined minimum score of 1000 on the Verbal and Quantitative and minimum of 4.5 on the Analytical; or Miller Analogies Test with a minimum score of 395. Applicants who hold advanced degrees (i.e. J.D., Masters, Ph.D.) are exempt.
- three letters of recommendation which address: 1) your educational potential to do graduate level coursework; 2) your successful experience with adolescents, and your experience with diverse populations; and 3) character and maturity.

### **Additional Woodring Requirements:**

- Endorsement/Credit Requirements: Applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree with a state-approved major, including a minimum 80% of required endorsement coursework. Applicants without a degree in a state-approved major must have completed a minimum 80% of the requirement coursework for their endorsement. Before applying to this program applicants should: 1) review the Endorsement Program section of the website (link) and 2) complete an endorsement evaluation self-assessment to determine what additional coursework may be required. Applicants with questions about endorsement requirements may contact [dana.edward@wwu.edu](mailto:dana.edward@wwu.edu)
- Resume
- take and pass the WEST-B. This test is offered 6 times per year at various sites in Washington State. Visit the WEST-B website [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com) for further information. Applicants residing outside Washington State at the time of application may substitute acceptable scores on the Praxis I or Oregon or California CBEST.
- A personal statement that describes your experience(s) with adolescents and background as it applies to the teaching profession. The Secondary Education faculty believe experience with diverse, multi-cultural populations benefit prospective teachers. Include all background and experiences(s) you’ve had with diverse populations and reflect on what you learned and how these experiences have developed your potential as an educator.
- completion of an English composition course with a grade of B or higher.
- \*a required interview by Secondary faculty on Western’s campus. **Only applicants residing outside driving distance of WWU at the time of the interview may request an alternative. Such requests must be submitted a minimum of 30 days prior to the interview dates listed below.**

*Consideration in the admissions process will be given to applicants with endorsements in academic areas of current critical need.*

**Completed applications with supporting materials must be received in the Graduate Office as follows:**

Fall quarter.....April 1  
 Winter quarter.....October 1

***\*Tentative Interview Dates – Please be available for one of the options  
Fall Quarter – the last Friday or Saturday of April;  
Winter Quarter – the third Friday or Saturday in October.***

## Advising and Scheduling

New students will attend a required orientation prior to the first day of classes and be assigned a graduate faculty advisor to assist them with program requirements and course planning. The Secondary MIT is a day-time program. Students must be prepared to attend full time the first quarter in the program; subsequent quarters may allow more flexibility in scheduling.

The MIT program is usually completed in approximately two years. **The MIT will be awarded only to those who successfully complete all requirements for residency certification, including a passing score on the WEST-E and a successful student teaching internship. No other master's degree options are available.**

## State-Approved Endorsable Academic Majors

*All academic departments require content methods courses; many require additional coursework beyond the baccalaureate degree.*

### Secondary Level

Anthropology/Social Studies	English/Language Arts
Biology (B.S.)	General Science
Biology/Chemistry	Geography/Social Studies
Chemistry	History/Social Studies
Chemistry/Mathematics	Mathematics
Chemistry/Physics	Physics/Mathematics
Earth Science	Political Science/Social Studies
Earth Science/General Science	Sociology/Social Studies
Economics/Social Studies	

### All Levels

Drama/Theatre
Health Fitness (PE/Health)
Music – designated arts (choral, instrumental, or general)
Special Education
Visual Arts – designated arts
World Languages

## Program Course Requirements

The professional course sequence includes 50 credits of coursework and a 24-credit internship (total 74 credits).

**Retention:** The WWU Graduate School requires students to maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. The State of Washington requires students to earn a “C” or better in all major endorsement courses.

### Secondary Required Research and Foundations Core (12 credits)

Sec 501	Introduction to Educational Research (4)
Sec 512	Seminar in Educational Philosophy (4)
Sec 513	Seminar in Socio-cultural and Legal Education (4)

### Secondary Required Program and Certification Core (34 credits)

Sec 510	Teacher as Communicator (3)
Sec 435	Middle Level Practicum (1)
Sec 436	Secondary School Practicum (1)
Sec 433	Peer Teaching Laboratory (1)
Sec 525	Content Reading, Writing & Communication in Secondary Schools (4)
Sec 531	Teaching Adolescents (4)
Sec 532	Curriculum & Instruction in the Secondary Schools (4)
Sec 533	Assessment & Professional Development in Secondary Schools (4)
Sec 534	Management, Motivation and Discipline in the Secondary Schools (4)
SpEd 510	Middle and Secondary Level Learning Problems (4)
ITech 544	Instructional Technology in Education (4)

### Internship (24 credits)

Sec 595	Graduate Internship (2-24)
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### Research Course (4 cr) - taken following successful completion of the student teaching internship

Sec 691	Master's Seminar (4)
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## Middle School Options and Additional Middle Level Humanities Endorsement

Information on the Middle Level Humanities Endorsement can be found on the department website. For further information on middle school options, contact Dr. Angela Harwood at [angela.harwood@wwu.edu](mailto:angela.harwood@wwu.edu)